Dallas city jail prisoners

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg JFK 11/1/79

Because I do not appeal withholding of the identification of a former FBI this is not an appeal. Rather do I believe that by providing you with what I would have noted for my own subject files I can help you understand that it is not uncommon for the FBI to contrive phoney claims to exemption to withhold what is embarrassing or potentially embarrassing to it in its non-investigation of the JFK assassination and its control over what could be known and believed. It began with a preconception it was determined would be the official solution and it was able to make its preconception into the official conclusion. With changes by the Warren Commission to make the absolutely impossible appear to be within possibility.

62-109060-3926 is an urgent teletype from HQ to Dallas of 12/1/64 or more than two months after the Warren Report was issued. It reports that a former FBI had called DeLoach and told him that 17 prisoners in the Dallas County jail had seen the assassination and should have been interviewed but weren't. Subsequent records indicate that the FBI never interviewed them even after this. (In fact not even later when there was direct contact with the FBI, including by the lawyer for a prisoner.)

The teletype, which bears the initials of a supervisor who was rushed to Dallas at the time of the crime, raises a completely phoney question that was a clear signal to Dallas: "ascertain feasibility of seeing assassination cite..."

Anyone who knows anything about the scene knows this was the best of possible viewing points, up in the air in the building diagonally opposite the building from which the shots allegedly were fired and on the level of that window.

Serial 3940 is a memo on the phone call. Serial 3932 is Dallas' dutiful response, an unsigned FD302 downplaying the whole thing, angling it to discredit the truth and to discredit the source, who could hardly have been the only source, and pretending that there was not a good view from there and that only mental patients were there.

It was known immediately that the FBI avoided these prisoners, more than these records refer to. As a result I had pictures taken for me from inside the series of jail windows. These show the best possible views of the scene, not what the reports pretend.